

Week Ending September 21, 1997

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 21, 1997. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting corn, rice, sorghum and soybeans. Soil moisture conditions were rated 33 percent very short, 45 percent short, and 22 percent adequate.

Item	Event	Progress In Percentages				Conditions in Percentages				
		This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Grain Harvested	79	66	75	67	1	5	23	55	16
	Silage Harvested	100	94	100	95					
Cotton	Open Bolls	74	57	95	89	2	7	36	48	7
	Harvested	5	4	13	10					
Rice	Mature	89	74	91	86	0	1	37	53	9
	Harvested	56	33	75	59					
Sorghum	Turning Color	98	97	100	99	4	4	25	63	4
	Mature	90	88	100	94					
	Grain Harvested	71	40	84	72					
	Silage Harvested	70	67	88	88					
Soybeans	Blooming	100	99	100	100	2	7	28	51	12
	Setting Pods	98	96	100	100					
	Turning Color	76	66	77	70					
	Shedding Leaves	60	40	55	42					
	Harvested	24	12	25	16					
Wheat	Planted	2	2	3	4	---	---	---	---	---
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	95	90	97	98	6	9	29	49	7
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	25	11	36	43	2	5	17	71	5
Peanuts	Harvested 1/	17	10	19	27	0	0	6	92	2
Cattle						2	6	18	62	11
Pasture						8	20	35	33	4

1/ Revised last week's percent harvested for peanuts.

County Agent Comments

"Excellent harvesting conditions allowed corn and hay producers to have a very good week. Fall pasture planting is progressing nicely. Upland cotton is opening but harvesting has not started."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Corn yields in fields in higher areas have been above average, but low areas took losses because of the wet spring conditions. Some cotton bolls are beginning to open. All of the crops could use rain."

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

"Row crop producers are in full swing of the harvesting season for corn, cotton, and soybeans. Yields of all three crops look very good. Pastures and hay fields are in dire need of a good general rain. However, row crop producers need the dry weather for about two more weeks to complete harvesting crops."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Corn harvesting is progressing with those producers who have on-farm dryers. Others are waiting on lower moisture content. Final hay harvest for warm season crop is good to excellent."

— Stanley Wise, Alcorn County

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Weather Summary from September 15, 1997 to September 21, 1997 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale						0.00		0	1.46				
Cleveland						0.00	-0.65	0	0.21				
Tunica						0.00	-0.65	0	0.84				
Extreme/Average	97	59	80										
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	94	58	77	71	+6	0.00	-1.02	0	2.54	88	70	79	0.19
Memphis	94	65	80	74	+6	0.08	-0.71	1	1.70				
Oxford	95	59	78	72	+7	0.00	-1.11	0	0.48				
Extreme/Average	95	58	78	72	+6	0.03	-0.94	0	1.57	88	70	79	0.19
3. Northeast													
Booneville	92	60	77	71	+6	0.00	-1.00	0	1.69				
Corinth	97	63	82	72	+10	0.00	-0.95	0	3.69				
Iuka													
Pontotoc	97	60	79	72	+7	0.00	-0.97	0	0.45	92	72	82	0.27
Tupelo	94	61	78	73	+4	0.00	-1.16	0	1.60				
Verona	97	60	79			0.00		0	0.86	92	70	83	0.22
Extreme/Average	97	60	79	72	+7	0.00	-1.02	0	1.66	92	70	83	0.25
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	97	58	80	75	+6	0.00	-0.78	0	1.02	96	73	88	
Greenwood	95	60	79	75	+4	0.01	-0.74	1	0.75				
Rolling Fork	98	59	81			0.00	-0.67	0	1.18	100	78	91	0.21
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	96	61	81	76	+5	0.00	-0.73	0	1.16				
Extreme/Average	98	58	80	75	+5	0.00	-0.73	0	1.03	100	73	90	0.21
5. Central													
Carthage	95	60	78	74	+3	0.00	-0.83	0	0.08				
Jackson	95	61	80	76	+4	0.00	-0.75	0	0.63				
Winona	93	53	74	72	+2	0.00	-0.85	0	0.48				
Extreme/Average	95	53	77	74	+3	0.00	-0.81	0	0.40				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.00	-0.83	0	0.48				
Columbus	99	63	81			0.00		0	0.94				
State University	95	55	79	74	+5	0.00	-0.99	0	0.03	90	66	78	
Extreme/Average	99	55	80	74	+6	0.00	-0.91	0	0.48	90	66	78	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs						0.00		0	0.85	97	74	85	
Natchez	95	60	79	76	+3	0.00	-1.10	0	0.60				
Oakley						0.00	-0.63	0	1.29				
Vicksburg	94	60	80			0.00		0	0.17				
Extreme/Average	95	60	80	76	+3	0.00	-0.87	0	0.73	97	74	85	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	97	67	81	76	+5	0.00	-0.71	0	1.02				
McComb	97	63	80	76	+4	0.00	-0.92	0	2.72				
Extreme/Average	97	63	81	76	+5	0.00	-0.82	0	1.87				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.00		0	0.43				
Hattiesburg	102	62	83	76	+6	0.00	-0.59	0	0.44				
Laurel													
Meridian	95	59	78	75	+3	0.00	-0.74	0	1.05				
Newton	97	59	79	74	+5	0.00	-0.89	0	0.70	92	69	81	0.19
Extreme/Average	102	59	80	75	+5	0.00	-0.74	0	0.73	92	69	81	0.19
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	97	65	81			0.00		0	0.52				
Biloxi	95	72	82			0.50		1	0.97				
Gulfport	94	69											
Pascagoula	90	66	78	80	-3	0.00	-1.35	0	0.60				
Poplarville	97	64	81	77	+4	0.00	-0.67	0	0.60	98	77	88	0.29
Extreme/Average	97	64	81	79	+2	0.13	-0.88	0	0.67	98	77	88	0.29
State	102	63	80	75	+5	0.02	-0.83	0	1.00	100	66	83	0.23

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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